

Report from Senator Blount in reference to the inaccuracies in the Gazette and Intelligencer.

Adopted.

"A House bill granting lands to Houston and Texas Central Railway Company."

Read first and second times and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Report from Committee on Indian Affairs, recommending a substitute.

Substitute read first time and adopted. Read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

Senator Shannon moved to suspend the rule.

Lost.

On motion of Senator McDade, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock to-morrow.

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SENATE CHAMBER, }  
August 31, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Message received from the House, announcing the passage by the House of "A bill for the appointment of a Commissioner of Statistics."

Special message from the Governor :

AUSTIN, August 30th, 1866.

*Gentlemen of the Senate and House of Representatives :*

In the settlement made by Mr. Samuel Harris, late Provisional State Treasurer, with Maj. Royston, it is found that Mr. Harris had received four hundred and ten dollars, supposed to be counterfeit. This money purported to be U. S. currency, and was received from the Assessors and Collectors ; and as it was almost an impossibility for any one, under the circumstances, to detect spurious bills, I deem it but just that Mr. Harris should be relieved from the loss of this money.

Mr. Harris also received from the Assessors, sixty-two dollars in Louisiana and other bank bills. I would suggest that Maj. Royston be authorized to receive these and sell them for their value, and place the proceeds in the general fund.

Mr. Harris received two hundred and one (201) American and Mexican doubloons at \$15 60. He was governed by "Thomp-

son's Coin Chart Manual," (good authority.) But these doubloons are now quoted at \$15 50. Maj. Royston does not feel authorized to receive them for more, but it would be unjust to require Mr. Harris to make up the difference. Therefore, under all the circumstances, I am of opinion that Mr. Harris has done exceedingly well, and I trust your honorable body will relieve him from any loss on these several accounts.

J. W. THROCKMORTON, Governor.

Referred to Committee on Finance.

Senator Cook made the following report :

*To the President of the Senate :*

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the bill to be entitled "An Act supplementary to and amendatory of an act entitled an act regulating sequestrations, approved March 15, 1848," have had the same under consideration, and instruct me to report the bill back to the Senate and recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted, R. V. Cook,  
For the Committee.

Report received to come up in order.

Senator Stell made the following report :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate:*

The Committee on State Affairs, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the San Antonio Commercial Club," have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back, with the accompanying amendment, and when so amended, recommend its passage.

Respectfully submitted, J. W. STELL, Chairman.

Amendment—Add to section second, the words "provided the same shall not be contrary to, or inconsistent with the Constitution and laws of this State."

Report received to come up in order.

Senator Record made the following report :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate:*

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill entitled "An Act to repeal an act entitled an act to incorporate the town of Jefferson, approved March 20th, 1848," and, "An Act amendatory of said act, approved September 4th, 1850," and to grant a new charter incorporating the city of Jefferson, have had the same under consideration, and unanimously instruct me to report the bill back and recommend its passage, with the following amendments :

Strike out the caption, and insert in lieu thereof "A bill to be entitled an act incorporating the city of Jefferson, in Marion county."

Strike out all after "Aldermen," in the fifth line, counting from the bottom on the last page, and add the following section :

SECTION 25. That this act take effect and be in force from and after the fifteenth day of October, 1866, and that all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of the same be, and the same are hereby repealed.

J. K. P. RECORD,  
Chairman.

Report received to come up in order.

Senator Record made the following report :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate :*

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act concerning filing of transcripts in the Supreme Court," have had the same under consideration, and have unanimously instructed me to report, that in the opinion of the Committee, the subject matter of the first section is sufficiently provided for in the sixth section of an ordinance of the late Convention, entitled "An Ordinance making valid the laws and acts of officers therein mentioned, and for other purposes."

And that the second section of the bill is subject to the objection, that it proposes to bind sureties upon writs of error, in cases where the liability of such sureties have already expired by limitation of law.

J. K. P. RECORD, Chairman.

Received to come up in order.

Senator Record made the following report :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate :*

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the Supreme or District Judges to admit parties to the practice of law in certain cases," have had the same under consideration, and are of the opinion that the same is inexpedient, because the courts are now sufficiently lenient in the admission of applicants to the practice of law—and because further, any applicant with a diploma from a law university, if properly qualified, would not object to an examination as prescribed by our laws; and if not qualified, to admit him would be an imposition upon the people, and a reflection upon the profession. The Committee, therefore, unanimously instruct me to report the bill back, and recommend that it do not pass.

J. K. P. RECORD, Chairman.

Received to come up in order.

Senator Record made the following report :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate :*

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the third, fourth, fifth and

ninth Sections of an act to authorize the County Courts of this State to grant a license for the retail of spirituous, vinous and other intoxicating liquors, in quantities less than a quart, and imposing a license tax for such privilege," approved February 2d, 1856, have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the Senate, and recommend its passage, with the following amendments, to-wit:

In Section 3, line 6, after the word county insert the word "Judge."

In Section 4, line 9, strike out the word "five" and insert "four."

In Section 5, line 12, insert the word "or" between the word "Court" and the word "County," and strike out the words "Justice of the Peace or Mayor of any city or incorporated town."

In Section 9, line 13, after the word "County" insert the word "Judge."

Strike out all of Section 2d of the bill.

J. K. P. RECORD, Chairman.

Received to come up in order.

Senator Record made the following report:

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate:*

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred "An Act to confer additional powers upon all incorporated cities and towns in the State of Texas," have instructed me to report that after a full examination of the bill they have come to the conclusion that no further legislation upon this subject is necessary, and that the bill be reported back with the recommendation that it do not pass.

J. K. P. RECORD, Chairman.

Received to come up in order.

Senator Record made the following report:

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate:*

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill entitled "An Act supplementary to the laws relating to the duties of Notaries Public," have given the provisions of the bill a careful consideration, and have unanimously instructed me to report the bill back to the Senate, and recommend that it do not pass.

J. K. P. RECORD, Chairman.

Report received to come up in order.

Senator Record made the following report:

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate:*

The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred a bill entitled "An Act supplementary to and amendatory of an act, passed April 30th, 1846, entitled an act defining the mode of

conveying property in which the wife has an interest," have instructed me to report that they find the subject matter of the bill amply provided for by existing laws, and that the bill be returned to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass.

J. K. P. RECORD, Chairman.

Received to come up in order.

Senator Neyland made the following report :

*Hon. R. H. Guinn, President pro tem. of the Senate :*

The Committee on Engrossed Bills have examined and find correctly engrossed the following bills, to-wit :

A bill to be entitled "An Act apportioning the State into Congressional Districts, and providing for the election of members to the Congress of the United States."

A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the State Treasurer to employ an extra clerk for the term of six months."

A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize A. H. Cromwell to build a mill-dam across the San Antonio river in Victoria county."

A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the protection of the frontier of the State of Texas."

W. M. NEYLAND,

Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills.

Senator Guinn introduced a bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate Shook's Bluff Bridge or Ferry Turnpike Company."

Read, and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Senator Cooley introduced a bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize the County Court of Comal county to levy and collect a special tax."

Read first time, and referred to the Committee on State Affairs.

Senator Stell introduced a bill to be entitled "An Act for the further assurance of title to purchase at judicial and other sales."

Read first and second times, and referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Senator Saufley introduced a bill to be entitled "An Act amendatory of and supplementary to an act to incorporate the Jefferson Insurance Company," passed January 7th, 1860.

Read first time, and referred to Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Senator Boyd introduced a bill to be entitled "An Act allowing certain officers to demand their fees of office before issuing and serving any process."

Read first time, and referred to Judiciary Committee.

## ORDERS OF THE DAY.

A bill to incorporate the "Rio Grande Railroad Company," on its second reading, taken from President's desk, and amendments reported on committee.

Adopted.

On motion of Senator Shelley, bill was amended as follows :

Insert the word "de" between the words "Brazos" and "Santiago," wherever they occur in the bill.

SEC. 2. By changing the words "to grant and receive," in third and fourth lines, so as to read, "grant, receive and hold property both real and personal."

SEC. 5. Strike out the word "three" and insert the word "five."

SEC. 6. By adding the words to the end, "and shall have the right of owning and running such number of steam tugs and lighters as shall be found convenient to conduct the business of said Company, and of charging therefor the rates and prices usual for such services."

Bill as amended, read second time and ordered to be engrossed.

A bill for the relief of Peter Norton, assignee of John Bray mines, on its second reading, taken from President's desk, read second time, and motion to engross was lost.

A message was received from the House, announcing passage of the following bills:

A bill to incorporate the "Evergreen Cemetery Association."

A bill attaching certain counties therein named to the counties of Jack and Montague, for Judicial and other purposes.

A bill concerning alien passengers.

A bill to incorporate the "Galveston Wharf Junction Rail Road Company," and

A bill to incorporate the "Texas Oil, Iron, Mining and Manufacturing Company."

Senator Parker introduced a bill to authorize the Treasurer of the State to receipt for funds now in the Treasury, and to dispose of the same.

Bill read first time, rule suspended, read second time, ordered to be engrossed, and on motion, rule further suspended, read third time and passed.

Message from his Excellency, the Governor, was received, and on motion of Senator Burney, message was taken up, read and made the special order for to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

The report of the Committee on Printing, in relation to the printing of the Governor's message in Spanish and German, was taken up, and on motion of Senator Shelley, laid on the table for the present.

Senator Neyland, Chairman of Committee on Engrossed Bills, reported correctly engrossed :

A bill to authorize the Treasurer to receipt for certain funds, now in the Treasury, and to dispose of the same.

Report accepted.

On motion of Senator Guinn, the report of the Judiciary Committee, recommending that a "bill to amend the exemption laws of the State of Texas," be not passed, was laid on the table, and Senator Guinn offered a substitute for the bill, which was adopted.

The following amendment proposed by Senator Selman, viz :

"Provided, That this act, as far as it is amendatory of the law as now is, shall not be so construed as to exempt the property from being seized and sold for the satisfaction of debts heretofore contracted," was on motion of Senator Reed, laid on the table by the following vote :

AYES—Senators Braswell, Brown, Bumpass, Burney, Coppedge, Dalrymple, Foscoe, Guinn, Jowers, Littleton, McDade, Nelson, Neyland, Parker, Randolph, Reed, Saufley, Shannon, Shelley, Stell, Truitt and Yarbrough—22.

NAYS—Senators Blount, Boyd, Cook, Cooley, Lane and Selman—6.

Message received from the House announcing passage of a bill to authorize the Treasurer to receipt for certain funds, &c., &c., and to dispose of the same.

On motion of Senator Neyland, the Senate adjourned until to-morrow morning 10 o'clock.

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SENATE CHAMBER, }  
 Sept. 1st, 1866. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Roll called—quorum present.

Journal of yesterday read and adopted.

Senator Stell moved that a committee of three be appointed to investigate a misrepresentation of himself in the Houston Telegraph, and set properly before the people the report of the